

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-23 were pending in the application. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 2 and canceled claim 2. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1 and 3-23 will be pending, of which claim 1 is the single independent claim.

In the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, claims 1, 11, 15, 20, and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2077634. Claims 2-10, 12-14, and 16-19 were objected to but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 2. Accordingly, amended claim 1 should now be in the condition for allowance. Dependent claims 3-23, at least due to their dependencies from patentable claim 1, should also be in the condition for allowance.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

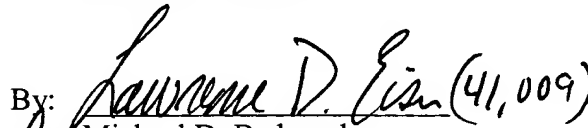
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